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PROGRESS OF ONGOING MAJOR COAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed implementation / progress of the ongoing major coal projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in terms of physical and financial targets set and achieved during each of the last three years, project-wise;

(c) the details regarding delay / slow progress in implementation of projects and the steps taken / proposed to be taken for speedy completion of projects; and

(d) the details of new projects including cost proposed to be taken up for approval / implementation under Western Coalfield Limited (WCL) during the next five years?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Yes, Sir, Major coal projects i.e. projects costing Rs.100 crores and above are reviewed on quarterly basis regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary(Coal) and having members from Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Ministry of Environment & Forests. Last such meeting was held on 2.3.2002. Major projects including coal projects in the Central Sector are also monitored by Ministry of Statistics &Programme Implementation through monthly flash reports obtained from the respective companies.

(b): 20 major coal/lignite projects were being monitored in the Department of Coal from August, 1999. Of these projects, 4 projects namely, Dipka OCP (10 mty), SECL, Lakhanpur OC (5 mty) and Kalinga OC (8 mty) under MCL and Medapalli OC (1.25 mty) under SCCL have since been completed as per laid down norms. Status of implementation of remaining 16 projects is indicated below :

Jhanjra UG (ECL)- The existing capital cost of project having capacity of 2 mty is Rs.403.96 crores. In view of fund constraints and technical reasons, the project is proposed to be foreclosed at a de-rated capacity after the approval of the Govt. A sum of Rs.369.70 crores (prov.) has been spent upto 31.12.01 against the sanctioned cost.

Kottadih OC + UG (ECL) -The existing capital cost of project having a total capacity of 2.48 mty is Rs.267.52 crores. The project is proposed to be foreclosed at a de- rated capacity of 0.87 mty at a capital cost of Rs.378.51 crores with the approval of the Govt. The sum of Rs.378.51 crores has already been spent.

Jambad OC (ECL) - The existing capital cost of project having capacity of 0.80 mty is Rs.136.88 crores. . The project is proposed to be foreclosed at a de-rated capacity of 0.26 mty at a capital cost of Rs.35.03 crores with the approval of the Govt. A sum of Rs.34.25 crores has been spent upto 31.12.01.

Satgram UG (ECL) -The project has been derated to 0.51 mty at a capital cost of Rs.118.87 crores in February, 2002. Against this sanctioned cost, a sum of Rs.112.04 crores has been spent upto 31.12.01 and the project is scheduled to be completed in March, 2003.

Pootkee-Balihari UG (BCCL) -The project is proposed to be derated to 0.68 mty at a capital cost of Rs.182.60 crores with the approval of the Govt. A sum of Rs.170.01 crores has been spent upto 31.12.01.

Madhuban Washery (BCCL)- The RCE for the projectfor a capital cost of Rs.197.23 crores is being processed for Govt. sanction. A sum of Rs.197.08 crores has been spent upto 31.12.01.

Parej OC (CCL)- The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 1.75 mty is Rs.162.88 crores. The project has since been

completed in March, 2002. A sum of Rs.125.61 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

K.D.Hesalong OC (CCL)- The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 4.50 mty is Rs.316.12 crores. A sum of Rs.236.78 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

Jharkhand OC (CCL)- The existing capital cost of the project sanctioned in October, 1998 having capacity of 1.00 mty is Rs.110.89 crores. A sum of Rs.40.70 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

Dudhichua Expn.OC (NCL)- The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 10 mty is Rs.1281.39 crores. A sum of Rs.1019.82 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

Nigahi Expn.OC (NCL)- The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 10 mty is Rs.1846.49 crores. A sum of Rs.979.99 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

Gauthamkhani OC (SCCL)- The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 2.00 mty is Rs.159.74 crores. A sum of Rs.118.95 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

R.K.New Tech.UG (SCCL)- The project is proposed to be derated to 0.64 mty at a capital cost of Rs.33.82 crores with the approval of the Govt. A sum of Rs.20.85 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001.

Mine I Expn. (NLC)- The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 4.0 mty is Rs.1658.38 crores. A sum of Rs.1365.96 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

TPS I Expn.(NLC) - The existing capital cost of the project (2x210 MW) is Rs.1420.27 crores. A sum of Rs.880.32 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

Mine IA (NLC) - The existing capital cost of the project having capacity of 3 mty is Rs.1032.81 crores. A sum of Rs.577.10 crores has been spent upto 31.12.2001 against the sanctioned cost.

(c): Reasons for delay / slow progress in implementation of projects are given below:-

i) Delay in acquisition of land and associated problems of rehabilitation.
ii) Delay in supply of equipment and turn key execution
iii) Adverse geo-mining conditions
iv) Fund constraints
v) Delay in obtaining forestry clearance.

Following steps taken have been taken / are being taken by the Government for expeditious implementation of coal projects:-

i) Coal companies have been directed to monitor implementation of coal projects regularly and rigorously. In the coal companies, a three - tier structure for monitoring the projects i.e. at colliery level, area level and head quarter level is in existence.

ii) Review of major coal projects i.e. projects costing Rs.100 crores and above is conducted on quarterly basis by an Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary (Coal) and having members from Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Ministry of Environment & Forests.

iii) Based on the results of the above reviews, appropriate directions are sent by the Government (Department of Coal) to the coal companies for taking timely remedial action to overcome the shortcomings.

iv) Timely availability of land and forestry clearance, wherever required, being crucial for successful implementation of coal projects, constant interaction is made by the Department of Coal with Ministry of Environment and Forests as also with the State Government authorities for expediting the same.

v) The issue of expeditious supply of equipment is regularly followed-up with the representatives of the public sector mining equipment manufactures and the concerned Ministries / Departments.

vi) Sophisticated geological and geophysical exploration techniques are being adopted for advance forecasting of geo-mining conditions.

(d): Details of new major projects (costing Rs. 100 crores and above) proposed to be taken up in X plan under Western Coalfields Limited are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of projects	Capacity (mty)	Estimated capital (Rs.crores)
1.	Baranj OC	2.35	855.85
2.	Padampur Deep OC	1.25	100.00
3.	Sinhala / Durgapur Deep OC	1.25	100.00
4.	Morepar Expn. UG	0.85	167.71